

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ASSOCIATING A USER WITH CONTENT IN A COLLABORATIVE WHITEBOARD SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

Methods and apparatus are provided for associating a user with content in a collaborative application computing system, such as a collaborative whiteboard system. The invention is applicable, for example, to situations including multiple users or groups of users at disparate locations who wish to (or must) work together using a collaborative whiteboard system. The collaborative system may be a distributed network of collaborative computers processing shared data. At each collaborative computer, one or more users contribute to the shared data. Accordingly, the present invention associates an identity of the contributed data with the user who contributed that data, and not just with the collaborative computer. This enables multiple users at one collaborative computer to contribute to the shared data such that each user's contribution can be distinguished, acknowledged and/or indexed.

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